

QUESTION RE SATAN
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A question was asked in class about Satan - who is he or what is he? (Ephesians 6:12) Somebody mentioned Lucifer.

Turn to Ezekiel 28. We have in the second part of Ezekiel 28 some information concerning Satan -- at least this is my viewpoint concerning it.

In the first part of the chapter there are some words that Ezekiel addresses (verse 2) "against the prince of Tyre." Tyre is a city on the Phoenician coast. The prince of Tyre (the last of verse 2) is a man -- "thou art a man." Then in verses 12 and following the language goes beyond speaking to the prince of Tyre. In verse 14 some things are said about a cherub. (Cherubim and seraphim are created creatures of the Lord just as angels are.) This tells me that Satan was created a cherub -- a created being.

In Ezekiel 28:15 it is said of Satan that he was "perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created till iniquity was found in thee." He was perfect, but he fell -- iniquity. Revelation indicates that he led a revolt against the Lord and was thrown out of Heaven, and he became a ruler of the darkness and the forces of evil that you read about in Ephesians chapter 6.

Question: In what form?

He is in the form of a cherub (he doesn't change), but he can disguise himself. For example, Paul speaks about him as an angel of light, and he is also described as a roaring lion. But in essence he is a cherub. Cherubim are spirit creatures primarily, but they can take a form and be seen. They are described in Ezekiel chapter 1 and chapter 10. There are various orders of cherubim and seraphim. And we will see some of them in the book of Revelation.

This is the basic form of Satan, and he is the leader of those who have revolted against the Lord. In Revelation he is taken to the Earth and later is put into the bottomless pit, or abyss, and ends in the Lake of Fire.

Question: His followers could have been any of the created angels, cherubim or seraphim?

Yes. Revelation speaks only of those who are of the angelic forces that followed him. Christ speaks of the kingdom of Satan as well as the kingdom of the Lord. He is also a ruler over the demons, if you can tell me what a demon is. Scripture just doesn't say. They are not fallen angels because fallen angels are never called demons and demons are never called fallen angels. But they are evil spirits always intent on doing evil, and they are a part of that kingdom under Satan. Apparently he is not always able to control them. So demons under Satan, fallen angels under Satan, and by implication there may have been cherubim and seraphim that also followed him.

He is also the "god of this age" and the "prince of the power of the air."

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